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SUBJECT: EC STEEL POLICY -- MINIMUM PRICES

REF: EC BRUSSELS 1154

1. IN DISCUSSIONS FEBRUARY 6 WITH EMBOFFS, ECONOMIC
MINISTRY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MORAWITZ SAID THAT
ECONOMIC MINISTRY WAS PREPARING FOR IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION
OF MINIMUM STEEL PRICE ISSUE AT FEBRUARY L6 FINANCE
MINISTERS COUNCIL. ECONOMIC MINISTRY -
WILL BE REPRESENTED BY MINISTER FRIDERICH OR STATE
SECRETARY SCHLECHT, EITHER OF WHOM WILL BE PREPARED TO
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MAKE A STRONG DEFENSE OF GERMAN POSITION OPPOSING

MINIMUM PRICES.

2. ACCORDING TO MORAWITZ OPINION WITHIN EC COMMISSION REMAINS DIVIDED. HE INDICATED THAT THE GERMAN COMMISSIONERS ARE SUPPORTED BY THE BRITISH, AND THAT THE DUTCH AND LUXEMBOURG COMMISSIONERS ARE UNDECIDED. THE OTHERS CONTINUE TO FAVOR MINIMUM PRICES.

3. FRG FEDERAL STATISTICAL OFFICE ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 5 THAT RAW STEEL PRODUCTION IN JANUARY REACHED 3.2 MILLION TONS. THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF ALMOST 0.6 MILLION TONS OVER DECEMBER 1975 PRODUCTION, BUT A DECLINE OF 24.1 COMPARED WITH PRODUCTION IN JANUARY 1975, WHEN OUTPUT WAS STILL RESPONDING TO STRONG DEMAND. THE DAILY PRODUCTION RATE INCREASED FROM 100,436 TONS IN DECEMBER TO 115,115,700 TONS IN JANUARY.

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